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LETTER DATED 10 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance, provocation and the dropping of heat flares continued over the period 21 to 31 December 1993.

21 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

22 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Samawah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Salman and Artawi.

23 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Salman.

24 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

25 December 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 25 December 1993.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and centred over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

26 December 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 26 December 1993.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Lasaf, Salman, Artawi, Khidr and Nasiriyah.

At 1143 hours on 26 December 1993, a hostile formation dropped a heat flare 15 kilometres south of Basra.

27 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

28 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Qurnah, Busayyah and Artawi.

29 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Ushbayjah, Lasaf, Busayyah and Jalibah.

30 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

31 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Lasaf and Amarah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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